



United States Mission to the OSCE

Statement in Response to Kazakh Announcement on Signing of UN Pacts

As delivered by Deputy Permanent Representative Douglas Davidson
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Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We should simply like through you to thank the delegation of Kazakhstan this morning for informing us of this important step.

It goes almost without saying that protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms is a cornerstone of the OSCE and the United States therefore welcomes this announcement.

We also urge the government of Kazakhstan to take swift steps to implement these pacts fully.

Thank you.